

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

**Bereavement Support** - One to one confidential Bereavement Support available on Thursdays 10.30am – 12.30pm. Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk. Enquiries: 0035342-9336393 10am – 2pm

**Alone Again, Separated or Widowed?** Beginning Experience helps people work through their grief to be healed & free to live again. A Beginning Experience week-end Programme is taking place from 20th – 22nd October in Dromantine. For enquiries & registration contact Cora 07934871718

**Siena Young Adult Programme** if you are aged 18-35 and looking for something more than the SIENA programme is for you. SIENA is designed to help you discover who you are meant to be and what path God is calling you to. Participants are asked to set aside six Saturday afternoon between Nov 2017 & May 2018 to take part in the programme which will be taking place in either Sligo, Roscommon or Athlone. For more info please contact [frank.mcguinness@elphindioocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindioocese.ie)

**Legion of Mary** invite you to join them each Sunday in November at 3:30pm to pray the rosary in the Cemetery. All welcome.

**Trocaire** Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part of something really worthwhile? Trócaire is looking for Parish volunteers in the Armagh Archdiocese to help raise awareness of the challenges facing the world's poorest communities and the difference being made by support from Ireland. For more info email [volunteering@trocaire.org](mailto:volunteering@trocaire.org)

**Stanton Healthcare Coffee Morning and Presentation** A coffee morning is taking place in the Synod Hall on **Sat 21st Oct** at 11am. Stanton Healthcare provide life-saving crisis pregnancy support & need your help right now to protect both mother & baby. Find out more about this fantastic local charity while enjoying a cup of tea & some treats. More info at 02890332882.

**St. Vincent de Paul Shop** is now based in Ogle Street. The new SVP Shop Number is: 07518909929

**The Westenders Group** will be hosting a Halloween tea dance on **Wed 25th Oct** from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at the Cathedral Road Recreation Centre. Cost £2 inc refreshments & music. All welcome.

**Halloween Spooktacular** at Mount St Catherine's Primary School on **Thurs 26 Oct** 6-8pm. Lots of fun and games for everyone. Everyone welcome.

**Milford Coffee Morning** The Coffee Morning hosted in Milford on the 30th Sept in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care and Southern Area Hospice raised £1500. Thank you to all who donated.

**Holy Hour** St Patrick's Church Dungannon **15th October** 3-4pm to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life, to pray for all in training & to pray for all our Priests and Religious. Everyone is invited to come along and show their support.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 25th October** 7:30-9pm in Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**Overseas Volunteers Required!** Volunteer IT/HR Admins, Montessori/Primary/Secondary Teachers, Physios, Accountants, Social Workers...all required for funded placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas experience required, no upper age limit! Contact Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email [apply@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatoreschristi.com) for more info.

**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 1/3/12/17** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3800  
**Abbey Lotto: 14/20/21/25** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2200  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 7/9/10/16** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1800  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/11/14/18** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3350



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15th October 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Some of us may remember a common question format that was once popular in examinations: "Compare and contrast". We could well compare and contrast the banquets in the texts of today's readings. They both speak of food and guests:

Isaiah: a banquet of rich and juicy food, a banquet of fine strained wines.

Matthew: a banquet of oxen and fattened cattle just slaughtered.

Isaiah: a banquet for all people.

Matthew: a feast for those invited.

In life we receive many invitations ranging from weddings, to birthdays, to anniversaries and various functions in between. Some may be quite formal and are offered out of obligation, others may come from close friends who value our presence and in all sincerity want us to be part of the occasion. God too invites us to have a relationship with him. It is pure gift. By virtue of our baptism, we're called every day to live in a particular way. Just as the guest who was invited to the wedding was expected to dress differently, so are we called to be different. We are to clothe ourselves in truth and kindness, in forgiveness and compassion, in justice and integrity. Yet, it can often happen that we are too tied up with our work, with so many worries and anxieties, that we don't always recognise the invitation or realise that we are meant to live our lives in a different way.

There's a little poem which expresses an aspect of this invitation and response:

"You're writing a Gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do and the words that you say.

People read what you write, if it's false or if it's true. Now what is the Gospel according to you?"

Living the Gospel is always a challenge and we need the Lord's help if we're to succeed. St Paul reminds us in today's second reading that: "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength". Lord, help us always to be humble, remembering that even if we are called, it doesn't mean that we have been chosen.

With every blessing  
Rev P McAnenly Adm

Prayer for Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who gives us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever, Amen.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dessie Fitzgerald, Joseph Rafferty, James O'Hare, Paddy Comiskey, Annie Mallon & Sarah O'Neill

**Weekly collection amounted to £6617.38 & €170.35**

**The annual Mission Sunday Collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish next weekend.**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

**All requests for Prayers/Masses to be arranged in the Parish Office. Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office by 12 noon on the Thursday of the week prior to the intention being remembered are guaranteed to be included on the list.**

**Baptism Course** All parents of children being baptised in the parish **must attend** a short course before the baptism. For info & booking contact the Parish Office.

**Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:**  
Wed: 11pm & 12midnight; Thurs 1am & 5am  
Friday: 7am. Please contact Nora 37525265

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** meet each **Tues @ 7pm** in the Synod Hall. All welcome.

**Prayers for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.** People across Ireland are invited to pray The Angelus or a decade of The Rosary at 12noon on the 13th of each month for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

**October: the Month of the Missions.**

We celebrate Mission Sunday on **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** and on that day, the annual Mission Sunday collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish. In writing for Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis urges all of us to "Reach out and spread the joy of the Gospel". We remember all who share in the life and mission of the Church and we remember in a special way all missionaries who are working in distant lands.

**Annual Mass** for all our deceased, especially those who have died in our Parish over the last year, will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** at 7:30pm. All welcome.

**RISE Youth Group** All 1st - 3rd year pupils welcome to a new youth group **every Wednesday 7-9pm** in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. Fun, Faith & Friendship! Contact Aobhain in the Parish Office for more info.

All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to [armaghparish@btconnect.com](mailto:armaghparish@btconnect.com) or leave in the Parish Office. Due to a high volume of requests we cannot guarantee that notices submitted will be published in the Parish Bulletin.

**Design this years Parish Christmas Card!**

As we prepare to celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in 2018, the children of our parish are invited to design/create what will be our Parish Christmas card for this year. **The competition is open to all pupils in KS1 or KS2 in any of the Primary Schools in the Parish of Armagh and the card must depict or represent The Holy Family of Nazareth.** There is no restriction to colours that may be used but it's important to keep in mind that the design will have to be scanned on to a card and any materials used on the actual design (eg fabric or glitter) may not be visible. Images from computer programmes should not be used. Entrants must write their name, address, age and the name of their school on the back of their entry. Pupils are asked to submit their entries (A4 size & preferably on card) to the Parish Office, Cathedral Gate Lodge not later than 12 noon on Monday 23rd October.

The Knights of St Columbanus in the Parish have kindly agreed to sponsor five very special prizes for the five most creative cards and the winners names will be published in a few weeks time.

**Do this in Memory Programme** Well done to all the P4 Pupils in the Parish who began the Do this in Memory Programme last weekend. The next gathering will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 21 Oct** at 7pm. All P4 pupils and their parents are asked to attend. We remember in prayer all the young people in our parish who are preparing to celebrate their First Penance and their First Eucharist later this year.

**Celebration for all Altar Servers in Armagh Parish** A special celebration for all Altar Servers in the different Churches in the parish and their families will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at 5.30pm which is the Feast of St John Berchmans, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. We ask all Altar Servers and their families to keep this date free and further details will be available in due course.

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**Reception of the Eucharist**  
**Anyone who is unable to walk up to receive the Eucharist is asked to sit in the front rows of the Church. The Eucharistic Minister cannot attend to parishioners anywhere else in the Church.**

**Notice Regarding Parishioners Entering a Church Sacristy**

Following an important meeting with the Director of Safeguarding for the Archdiocese, it was agreed that the parish would bring to the attention of the parishioners the necessity for ANYONE entering a sacristy to sign the relevant book, with their name, time of entering and time of leaving.

The reason for this procedure is a major safeguarding issue in the event of a complaint or subsequent investigation. By signing the book, it will assist any investigation into a complaint and could potentially protect an innocent person. For these reasons the Archdiocese urges you to comply with this request.

However in the event of anyone refusing to sign the appropriate book, the sacristans have the authority to request the parishioner to leave the sacristy.

We wish to thank the parishioners of Armagh for their cooperation in the past and the future in safeguarding children.

*Aileen and Maura (Parish Safeguarding Representatives)*

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**New Eucharistic Ministers required** Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister is asked to contact the Parish Office.

**1st Anniversary Mass** for Molly McKinney will be celebrated next Sunday 22nd October.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

*ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office*

**Novena Mass** on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

**Fr Michael Donnelly** who was ordained a priest for the Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist in France this year, will celebrate Mass in Tullysaran on **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Community Centre** Mon Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tues Corebox 7-8pm, Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed Parent/Toddler Group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Total Body Workout 6.30-7.30pm, Music 7.30-8.30pm, Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Fri Drama class 6-7pm. Halloween Flower-arranging class Thurs 26 & Fri 27 Oct @7.30pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers** Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please leave your name into the sacristy in Tullysaran, or contact Mary or Bronagh on 37548999 or 37548786.

**Children's Liturgy Group** takes place each Sunday at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils. Children who haven't already done so, should bring their consent form with them. Anyone who would like to volunteer with the group should contact the Parish Office.

**AIFREANN NA GAEILGE in ARD MHACHCA:** Léifear an chéad Aifreann eile sa tséipéal i gColáiste Phádraig dé Sathairn 4ú Mí na Samhna. Bíonn fáilte roimh Ghaeilgeoirí ag an Aifreann seo ar 5.30 i.n. gach Satharn i rith na dtéarmaí scoile. IRISH MASS: Mass will recommence in the school chapel at SPGS on Saturday 4 November at 5.30pm.

**Thanks from Apostolic Work** Over the past 6 months, Apostolic Work, Archdiocese of Armagh has been able to send £15,000 to Famine Areas in East Africa. This was sent through Missionaries in various orders via: Daughters of Charity, Medical Missionaries of Mary, Mill Hill Frs, Cross & Passion Frs & Assumption Srs, as well as £2000 to the Disaster Area in Sierra Leone, through the Missionary Srs of the Holy Rosary. Help has not only been given for food but for water, medicines, aids victims, disabled centres, education, seminarians & Church buildings amounting to a further £20,000. We could not do this without the help of our members and friends.

**Payment for Graves in Parish Cemeteries** All payments in respect of new graves and re-openings are to be made directly to Armagh Parish Office. It is the practice of Armagh Parish that following the Months Memory of loved ones an invoice is forwarded to the family of the deceased.

**Hospital Visits** In the event of a parishioner being in hospital and wishing to receive a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please make contact with the Parish Office.

**Missionaries of Charity** One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday from 8-9pm in the Missionary of Charity House, Cathedral Rd.